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SUBJECT: GHANA: ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT

1. AT HIS REQUEST, GHANAIA NATIONA L KHOW S. AMIH YIA CALLED ON EMBASSY OFFICER JUNE 27. AMIH YIA DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A FORMER JOURNALIST, AND AT ONE TIME, CHIEF OF GHANA'S EXTERNAL SECURITY SERVICES UNTIL THE LATER DAYS OF THE NKRUMAH GOVERNMENT. HE HAS RESIDED IN BRITAIN FOR THE LAST DECADE AND IS NOW A DIRECTOR OF TRIPOWER INTERNATIONAL LTD., REGISTERED IN GUERNSEY AND "TRADING IN COMMODITIES".

2. AMIH YIA SAID HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY TWO DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING DISSIDENTS IN GHANA. THEY CONVINCED HIM THAT THE SITUATION IN GHANA IS FAST DETERIORATING AND THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WISHES THE OVERTHROW OF THE MILITARY REGIME. AMIH YIA SAID HE HAS ORGANIZED AN OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AND IS SEEKING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. HE HAS BEEN URGED BY HIS ASSOCIATES (HE MENTIONED GEN. AFRIFA) TO APPROACH THE US GOVERNMENT, DESPITE THE FACT, HE EXPLAINED, THAT AMERICA TENDS TO SUPPORT EXISTING
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REGIMES "OR BACK LOSERS".

3. COMMENT: WE REPORT THE ABOVE BECAUSE AMIH YIA APPEARS A MAN OF SOME SUBSTANCE AND BECAUSE, IN A TOWN FULL OF AFRICAN DISSIDENTS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY A GHANAIA N.

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